

# Press Release

## July Record: +15.2% Growth in Advertised Jobs

**Zurich/Geneva, Wednesday, 24 July 2019.** According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, advertised jobs grew by +15.2% over the last 12 months (July 2018 – July 2019). Between June and July 2019, advertised jobs grew by +1.1%. This is the first time in four years that advertised jobs have grown over this period; typically advertised jobs show a seasonal decline over the holiday season. The Swiss Romande led the growth in advertised jobs with a monthly increase of +5.8%. Advertised jobs grew in the German-speaking region by +0.4% over the same period.

Job categories showing the highest monthly growth included specialists in the pharmaceutical and chemical industries, IT development, audit, management and administrative support, as well as transport and related industries connected with online retailing.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (June 2019 – July 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (July 2018 – July 2019)
1. Pharmaceutical and Chemistry specialists	+15.3%	+11.9%
2. IT Developers	+12.1%	+10.5%
3. Auditors	+9.7%	-5.6%
4. Transport, Logistics and Purchasing Specialists	+9.6%	+40.9%
5. Management Support & Business Administrators	+7.5%	+7.5%

“Demand exceeds the supply of qualified candidates in many fields but especially in audit, health and lifesciences as well as IT. As candidates are receiving multiple offers in these and other technical fields, employers must accelerate their recruitment processes, or risk losing out to competitors”, said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Executive Director, Michael Page.

The Lake Geneva region showed the highest growth rate with +8.7% (June-July 2019) and a +21.8% year-on-year growth (July 2018 – July 2019).

Regions	Monthly Growth (June 2019 – July 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (July 2018 – July 2019)
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	+8.7%	+21.8%
North (AG, BL, BS)	+3.1%	+14.5%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	+1.4%	+10.7%
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	+1.2%	+13.6%
Zurich (ZH)	+0.9%	+6.9%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	-4.6%	+27.1%

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## **Michael Page Swiss Job Index**

The Michael Page Swiss Job Index measures the number of advertised vacancies on company sites throughout Switzerland. Introduced in January 2012, the Swiss Job Index provides a unique, comprehensive overview of the Swiss labour market and the most important monthly trends.

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